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For: **MALTITOL CRYSTALS OF PARTICULAR FORMS, CRYSTALLINE  
COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING THEM AND PROCESSES FOR THEIR  
PREPARATION**

AMENDMENT

**BOX FEE AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Assignee respectfully submits the present amendment in response to the Office Action  
dated September 1, 1999.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel without prejudice claims 11 to 32 and substitute therefore new claims 33 to  
64.

~~33. (New) Modified maltitol crystals, being bipyramidal in form comprising two  
regular tetrahedrons juxtaposed by their square section base with sides of 50  $\mu$ m to 500  $\mu$ m  
approximately, thus constituting regular octahedrons with edge length of approximately 50  $\mu$ m  
to 500  $\mu$ m.~~

~~34. (New) A crystalline maltitol composition, comprising essentially maltitol crystals  
according to claim 33 and having a maltitol content greater than or equal to 87% and a  
maltotriitol content by weight of dry matter, lower than 1%.~~

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